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BPA Chief Operating Officer announces retirement

Portland, Ore. – Chief Operating Officer Claudia Andrews announced earlier this week that she will retire from the Bonneville Power Administration on Sept. 30.

Andrews, who was appointed chief operating officer in February of 2014, is responsible for Power Services; Transmission Services; Environment, Fish and Wildlife; Customer Support Services and Information Technology.

"I am deeply appreciative of Claudia's talent and leadership on so many levels – from the managerial courage she displays as we navigate BPA through tough issues at the core of our highly complex business, to her thoughtful and caring approach in interacting with our workforce," said BPA Administrator Elliot Mainzer. "She will be missed."

Before serving as chief operating officer, Andrews was BPA's executive vice president and chief financial officer, overseeing capital and debt management, accounting, cash management and budgeting. Between 2006 and 2012, she served as BPA's treasurer, acting chief risk officer and acting chief financial officer. Previously, she held a variety of management and staff positions in the Finance, Power Services and Supply Chain organizations. She has worked at BPA since 1990.

"Culminating my career at BPA as chief operating officer has provided me with an even greater opportunity to work with – and appreciate – the tremendously gifted and dedicated people at BPA," Andrews said. "I am very proud of the things we have accomplished during our time together."

Andrews added that staying focused on BPA is what is most important to her and she has many things to accomplish during her remaining months, including assuring a seamless transition to a new chief operating officer. Waiting until the end of September should allow enough time to conduct the federal selection process and provide a brief overlap period before her departure. BPA will soon post a vacancy announcement for the next chief operating officer, a Senior Executive Service position.



About BPA

The Bonneville Power Administration, headquartered in Portland, Ore., is a nonprofit federal power marketer that sells wholesale electricity from 31 federal dams and one nuclear plant to 142 Northwest electric utilities, serving millions of consumers and businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. BPA delivers power via more than 15,000 circuit miles of lines and 259 substations to 490 transmission customers. In all, BPA markets about a third of the electricity consumed in the Northwest and operates three-quarters of the region's high-voltage transmission grid. BPA also funds one of the largest fish and wildlife programs in the world, and, with its partners, pursues cost-effective energy savings and operational solutions that help maintain affordable, reliable and carbon-free electric power for the Northwest. www.bpa.gov

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